

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-14, drawn to packet switched/circuit switched network, classified in Class 370, subclasses 352, 356; and

Group II, claims 15-18, drawn to packet switched only network, classified in Class 370, subclass 389.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-14.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims 1-18 are properly examinable in this application without placing undue burden on the Examiner. In this regard, claims 15-18 are method claims, and do not recite or pertain specifically to "packet switched only network" as alleged by the Examiner.

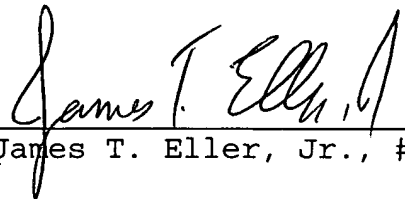
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Reg. No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.


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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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